

**FELONY
CONVICTIONS**

The Social Security Act restricts the use of title IV-E funding for adoptions when an adoptive parent or an adult member of the adoptive household has been convicted of specific felonies. In the event that an exception has been made to approve adoption in a family or household where an adult has one of the following felony convictions, title IV-E funding must not be used for the adoption or adoption subsidy.

Adult members of the adoptive household must not have any felony convictions for any of the following crimes:

- Child abuse/neglect.
- Spousal abuse.
- A crime against children (including child pornography).
- A crime of violence, including rape, sexual assault or homicide but not including other physical assault or battery.
- Within the last 5 years only: physical assault, battery or drug-related offense.